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GRANDEUR OF GREENNESS Green still dominates the landscape of the Ba-yo Rice Terraces in Banaue, where a chapel and a few native dwellings (lower right) blend with nature's color to create a picture of sustainable balance and harmony between development and conservation. While the rice terraces are deteriorating elsewhere in the province, this portion of what was once billed one of the 7 Wonders of the World looks well-preserved.

'LP's brightest moment'

P-Noy tells impeach prosecutors to get truth out

By Michael Lim Ubac and Norman Bordadora

PRESIDENT AQUINO met with the big guns of the Liberal Party, including the leader and spokespersons of the prosecution team at the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona, at the LP's 66th-anniversary celebration on Friday night.

The President was the guest of honor at the celebration held at the ruling party's "Balay" headquarters in Cubao, Quezon City, where he met with the chief prosecutor, Rep. Niel Tupas Jr., and the team spokespersons, Representatives Lorenzo Tañada III and Romero Quimbo.

The LP's four senators—Franklin Drilon, Francis Pangilinan, Ralph Recto and Teofisto Guingona III—were no-shows.

In a text message to the Inquirer, Budget Secretary Florencio Abad, a senior political adviser of the President and an LP stalwart, said the senators had "sent word that even if the event is purely social, they deemed it prudent to skip [it] so as to avoid any accusations of bias or partiality in the ongoing impeachment trial."

Asked if the President had told the party members in the prosecution team to improve their performance in the trial,

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Senators say objections are par for the course / A14

Paqui talks: 'I can't stoop to level of my detractors'

FORMER Ambassador to Mexico Francisco M. Ortigas III has decided to break his silence "for this one time only" regarding the issues in his troubled 43-year marriage to Susana Reyes-Ortigas that have come out in the media.

Sensational details concerning Ortigas' alleged infidelity taken from an affidavit submitted in a court filing by his estranged wife, were published in the Inquirer over a week ago forcing him to publicly respond, Ortigas said in a statement sent to the Inquirer the other day.

Ortigas reiterated his position not to dignify the news reports about his marriage as he considered it "a private matter" between him and his estranged spouse.

"This is a purely private matter which refined and civilized individuals normally opt to

PAQUI A22



KAREN JIMENO: For the defense



VALENTINA CRUZ: For the impeachment court



SONNY ANGARA: For the prosecution

Battle of spokespersons: Corona not the only one on trial

By Michael Lim Ubac

IT WOULD seem that Chief Justice Renato Corona is not the only one on trial at the Senate.

Lawyers Juan Edgardo Angara Jr., Karen Jimeno and Valentina Cruz realize that their participation in a politically charged exercise like an impeachment trial could make or unmake their legal careers.

But the three have plunged head-on into the process, taking on the role of spokespersons for this historic clash among the three separate but equal branches of government.

Angara, the Aurora representative whose father is a senator-judge, is a spokesperson for the

BATTLE A10



Impeach show exciting as marking exhibits

By TJ Burgonio

THE CORONA impeachment trial may not prove to be as riveting as that of the Estrada case in 2000, according to some of the senator-judges who confessed to being bored not even a week into the proceeding.

A few admitted experiencing some boredom in the first four days of the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona.

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When daring Dragon comes roaring in

By George Siton
Contributor

(Editor's Note: George Siton is the author of the best-selling books "8 Miracle Awaits You," "I Am A Winner: Feng Shui of the Mind" and "Soul Spa: 24/7 Meditations.")

THE WATER DRAGON makes its entrance at 3:39 p.m. of Jan. 23.

When the dragon comes roaring in, it is saying, "I have come to disperse the dark clouds for I am the center of all energy and I hold the power and glory. After all, I am the dragon."

Although the Water Dragon is the least impetuous of the five types (the others are metal, wood, fire and earth), it will still be a year of all kinds of collaborating, colossal, grandiose, daring and spectacular projects.

DRAGON A22

Harking still to 'Call of the Spirit' after 100 yrs

By Jocelyn R. Uy

IT WAS the "call of the Spirit" that brought four young German Catholic nuns to the little-known town of Tayum, in the province of Abra, where a school was urgently needed and faith was deemed wanting.

One hundred years after the nuns' arrival in the Philippines, and long after they were gone, the same Spirit is moving Filipino women to keep the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) ever discerning and responsive, empowering more women and some of the country's neglected indigenous groups.

"[The mission] came from very simple beginnings and it has grown … Many people have been touched by the life of the sisters, who contributed a lot to the education of young people, to healthcare and also to the Church, [and] that is worth celebrating," said Sr. Maria Theresia

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Tillers hit coco producers' 'blackmail'

By Kristine L. Alave

THE PHILIPPINE Coconut Producers Federation Inc. (Cocofed) has reportedly sent feelers to the government for a compromise that would ensure it a 20 percent share in the contested coconut levy funds being held in escrow by a bank—recently estimated at about P120 billion—in exchange for withdrawing its legal objections to the fund's release.

Consortium of oil mills

Received millions of pesos

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Luisita farmers wary of DAR info drive on land distribution

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By Kristine L. Alave

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Trips, gifts await OFWs who sign up to vote in '13

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CORONA IMPEACHMENT

Legal guide for press coverage

By Salvador B. Belaro Jr. and Dexter A. Francisco



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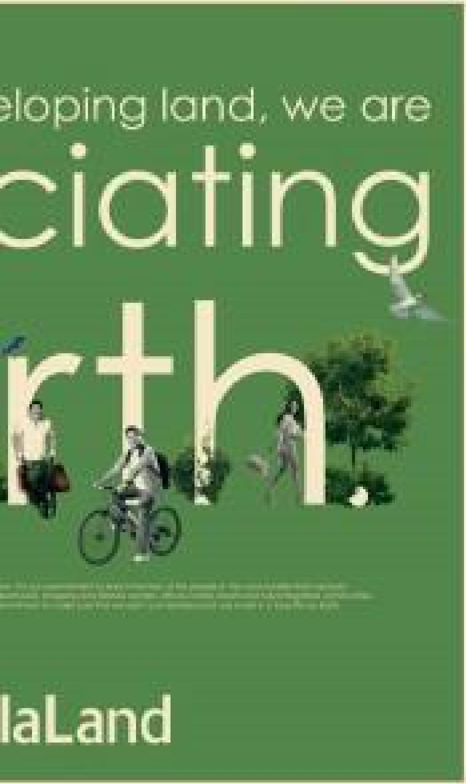
K+12 program 'absolutely essential,' says expert

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Battle of spokespersons: CJ not only one on trial

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prosecution, Jimeno speaks for the defense and Cruz is the official mouthpiece of the impeachment court.

Although they are seen as having antagonistic roles, the three have many similarities insofar as their legal background is concerned. For one, all three are alumni of the University of the Philippines College of Law.

Angara and Jimeno both obtained their master's degree from the prestigious Harvard Law School in the United States, and both are currently teaching at the Centro Escolar University School of Law and Jurisprudence. Angara teaches legal technique, while the much younger Jimeno teaches transportation law.

Cruz is the Senate legal counsel and is part of the Senate Secretariat headed by Secretary Emma Reyes.

Stuff of lawyers' dreams

"I think all lawyers want to be involved in the big issues of the day. That's the stuff that lawyers' dreams are made of. As a lawyer, you want to be involved in questions of policy, of law, and what bigger question is there than the impeachment of a Chief Justice?" said Angara, who turns 40 this year.

Angara believes that the intersection of law, politics and justice is displayed in full array in a political exercise like an impeachment trial.

He thinks that the impeachment can make or unmake the careers of protagonists in this historic battle between Corona and President Aquino and his allies.

"No. 1 is the career of Chief Justice Corona. Obviously it will not make his career if he's impeached," said Angara.

As to whether his role as a prosecution spokesperson would help him in his political career, he said: "Perhaps."

Angara said he opted to be a spokesperson instead of joining the prosecution panel to spare his father, Sen. Edgardo Angara, from criticisms arising from the latter's role as a senator-judge.

He said he relished the thought of being personally involved in a political exercise in which he could make a constitutionally sanctioned process like impeachment relevant and understandable to the man on the street.

"More than anything I want to successfully communicate the message of the impeachment team to the public, which is that all public officials are accountable no matter how high we are," he said.

"Justices, especially the Chief Justice, must be held to a higher standard of integrity and probity," he said.

Postponed honeymoon

Jimeno said she accepted the invitation from Corona's lawyers to join the defense team because after reading the verified complaint and grounds for impeachment, "it didn't seem to me that there was basis for the impeachment complaint."

She has taken on the job pro bono and has even postponed her honeymoon for it. Jimeno was wed to an American investment banker early this month.

She considers it a "privilege" to have been given an opportunity "to take a stand for my principles and to stand behind the judicial department."

According to Jimeno, the biggest consideration for her "was the negative effect that the impeachment may have on a judicial department as a whole. I'm not just concerned about the current Chief Justice, but the future chief justices and other justices of the Supreme Court who may be subjected to an abuse of the impeachment process."

Asked if she thought Corona was innocent of the charges, she said: "I don't think I'm competent to decide on that. We're still at the beginning of the trial, we have yet to see what evidence the prosecution has, but I do believe that every person has a right to prove their innocence and be protected from a trial by publicity," she said.

Every accused has a right to due process, which involves notice of charges and right to be heard in court, the young lawyer said.

"Definitely the law is neutral and should be impartial, so regardless of where you stand, you should always apply the law," she said.

Jimeno appears ready for a public backlash from being seen as defending the unpopular Corona.

"That was a concern that was raised to me by people who are close to me, but as far as I'm concerned I'm not fighting for a specific person. I'm fighting for my belief that the rule of law should be upheld and the independence and integrity of the judiciary should be preserved," she said.

That was the reason she postponed her honeymoon.

"It was tempting to go on a honeymoon right after my wedding and just go find a high-paying job. But I realized that it would have been a selfish decision," she said.

Personal sacrifices

For any sacrifice for the country, it would be time and effort, Jimeno said.

"The laws and the institutions we have right now are the basis for the democratic form of government that we Filipinos continue to be proud of," she said.

"I think it's worth it. It's our responsibility as lawmakers. Impeachment is a responsibility given to lawmakers, and they're acting on behalf of the people. It's a big responsibility. We must take it on," said Angara.

Cruz is glad that he and Jimeno went to top schools here and abroad.

"It helps us in our knowledge of the law. Education, I think, helps everybody in whatever career, whatever career that you pursue," he said.

Jimeno obtained her law degree in 2005, when Angara had already left UP and Harvard, and completed her master's degree last year.

She agreed with Angara that the kind of training that a lawyer gets from prestigious universities gives him or her an advantage as it equips them to take on difficult challenges while applying the skills that they have learned.

The participation of lawyers like themselves in the impeachment would elevate the level of discussion, she said.

"I think the bigger challenge really is to be able to bring the discussion to a level that the public will understand. Being learned in the law allows us to understand the technicalities of the impeachment proceedings, but we have to complement that with our ability to communicate to the public what is going on in the impeachment proceedings in a manner that they will understand," she said.

Constitutional tool

In Jimeno's view, the role of the public is to understand what an impeachment proceeding is all about, including its impact on the country and the judiciary as an institution.

"An impeachment will have a negative effect on our country if it's used as a means to trample on the rights of other people or to destroy the independence of a branch of government like the judiciary," she said.

But she was careful not to brand the Aquino administration-initiated campaign to oust Corona as unnecessary, saying that impeachable officials like the justices of the high court were not beyond the reach of impeachment.

"It's constitutional to take out any government official if they commit a grave offense like culpable violation of the Constitution. But it's a whole different story if it becomes a tool to influence a branch of government," Jimeno said.

"If an impeachable official is removed on baseless grounds then it becomes an abusive tool to further political interest," she said.

Nothing personal

Although pursuing antagonistic roles, Jimeno and Angara are comfortable with each other.

They view the trial as separate from their personal lives, said Jimeno who adds that she and Angara have maintained a very "pleasant" relationship ever since their paths crossed following the transmittal of the articles of impeachment to the Senate last December.

"There's really no personal animosity. We really don't feel the rivalry or competition. But I think it speaks well of the schools where we both came from. It shows how good our training is for us to be both involved in a case like this," she said.

From the way the trial is proceeding, Angara expects that it will drag on for a "few months."

He said he was ready for the long haul, while noting that he already had a hoarse voice just a week into the trial, and was losing sleep.

"Everyone calls me up at five in the morning," he said, referring to the daily radio talk show hosts pestering him on a daily basis since the start of the trial.

Jimeno, who also starts receiving phone calls at 5 a.m., said she does not expect the trial to proceed smoothly.

"We don't know how much evidence the prosecution will present and if their evidence or their manner of presentation is in compliance with the law because failure to comply with the rules of impeachment and of evidence would necessarily give rise to delays," she said.

Associate Editor Tony Bergonia
Across the NATION

Farmers demand free land in Luisita

CITY OF San Fernando—A left-wing farmers' group declared support for the demand of farm workers in a 6,000-hectare sugar estate owned by relatives of President Aquino to be given parcels of land in the estate for free.

In a statement, the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) and farmers that would benefit from a Supreme Court decision ordering the distribution of land in a 4,915-hectare portion of Hacienda Luisita should get the lands for free.

The Supreme Court decision, issued in November, isn't final yet, however.

The KMP renewed its call for the free distribution of the estate owned by Mr. Aquino's relatives in Tarlac as the group observes the 25th anniversary of the Mendiola Massacre today.

At least 13 farmers were killed and dozens were wounded when government soldiers and policemen opened fire at a rally near Malacañang on Jan. 22, 1987, appealing to the late President Corazon Aquino to implement genuine agrarian reforms.



A FARMER rests on Mendiola Bridge in front of a group of protesters demanding justice for 13 farmers killed when police and soldiers opened fire at a group of farmers demanding an audience with the late President Corazon Aquino 25 years ago.

The farmers were demanding an audience with Mr. Aquino when they were fired upon.

Danilo Ramos, KMP secretary general, said like the victims of the 1987 carnage and many landless farmers, "justice continues to be elusive" to Hacienda Luisita farm workers despite a favorable ruling by the high court.

In its Nov. 22, 2011, decision, the tribunal affirmed the ruling of the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council to place the sugar estate under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program and ordered just compensation to the Cojuangcos.

Felix Nacpil Jr., chair of the Alyansa ng mga Manggagawang Bukid sa Asyenda Luisita (Ambala), said the lands should be given free because these were bought in 1957 by the late Don Jose Cojuangco, Mr. Aquino's grandfather, using loan and guarantee from the government.

In a statement, Ramos said the KMP would "continue to rely on the strong determination of Luisita farm workers in asserting their rights over the lands and frustrate the obvious political maneuvers of President Aquino to take over the Supreme Court and maintain his family's control over Hacienda Luisita."

He was referring to an allegation by Chief Justice Renato Corona that the impeachment mounted against him was due to the tribunal's decision giving Hacienda Luisita to farm workers.

Ambala and the United Luisita Workers Union have criticized the plan of the Hacienda Luisita Inc. (HLI) to file a motion asking the Supreme Court to inhibit Corona from taking part in the deliberation of the agrarian case.

Anakpawis Rep. Rafael Mariano said the trial of Corona should "not be a cause of further delay" in the implementation of the Nov. 22 order. The high court has not yet acted on the motion for reconsideration and clarification filed by the HLI.

At least 3,000 farmers from various provinces in Luzon marched near Malacañang on Friday to demand justice for massacre victims.

Seven of the 13 were from Lupao, said Daly Marcellana, spokesperson of the Kamata 78, one of the groups that took part in Friday's march on Mendiola Bridge.

Virginia Aviles, 73, whose daughter Adelfa was one of those killed on Mendiola, fought back tears as she recalled the killing of her daughter, who was in her 20s when she died.

Marcellana said the farmers are clinging to hopes the case would be reopened.

He said until now, farmers fall victim to human rights abuses committed in the course of the counterinsurgency campaign of the government.

Tonette Orejas, Inquirer Central Luzon, and Romulo Ponte, Inquirer Southern Luzon

INQUIRER Mindanao

Iligan starts rebuilding

By Ryan D. Rosauro
Iligan City

AT SUNSET, most of the 100 families in this port city in Tambo village here still outside their new dwelling units to enjoy illumination from the streetlights.

Schoolchildren who need to scan their notes and books troop to the well-lighted camp management center where there is a long table and several chairs because candles are not allowed inside the tents, only battery-powered lighting equipment.

Teodulo Vemus, once a Bayug Island resident, admitted that the inconvenience "can still be bearable but not for a long period."

On Tuesday morning, volunteers started work on the first house to be built for homeless flood survivors. With a 20-square meter floor area, it is a prototype for those mostly there to be built in the next few months.

Iligan Mayor Lawrence Cruz and Gawad Kalinga's (GK) Antonio Meloto led brick-laying rites witnessed by volunteer builders and some local government employees.



A BOY helps volunteers of the Philippine Army and Rotary Club of Iligan in setting up a tent for evacuees.

"The model house is set to be done in time for the Jan. 26 launch of the Gawad Kalinga "Bayani Challenge" aimed to build houses for homeless families.

The GK's house-building sprint was originally set for April but upon Cruz's request, it was moved this month to respond to the shelter needs of flood survivors.

A month after the disaster wrought by Tropical Storm "Sendong," the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Ocha) noted that about 26,000 survivors "remain in largely overcrowded evacuation centers" in Cagayan de Oro and Iligan while another 200,000 people "are seeking refuge in makeshift shelters and with host families in their areas of origin."

"The exact number of people to be provided with shelter or shelter repair assistance remains unconfirmed," Ocha said.

It added that "tenure security and land occupancy conditions are the key challenges to be addressed urgently by the authorities."

According to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the number of houses destroyed in Cagayan de Oro reached 3,661 while 13,[illegible] suffered damages.

In Iligan, 3,237 were washed out to sea while 14,866 suffered damages.

But the need for shelters increased after the national government issued a policy not to allow people once living in geohazardous areas to return and rebuild there.

In Iligan, the local government targets 6,000 houses using the core shelter assistance program standards of DSWD which has already given P[illegible] million for about 2,457 units.

DSWD said its core shelters should be in disaster-safe relocation/ resettlement areas.

Although made of indigenous materials, the housing units, it added, "can withstand up to 220 kilometers per hour wind velocity, intensity 4 earthquakes and other similar hazards."

During Tuesday's rites, Meloto announced that San Miguel Corp. is donating 3,500 housing units for Iligan evacuees, which would be built by GK.

"I am overwhelmed by the gesture of San Miguel," Cruz said.

The GK house building sprint seeks to complete 300 units by February, and accumulative preparation on 1,500 units by June.

In Banaue, water system seen solution to feud



Unabated coal-making ravages forest in CamSur



A DESOLATE LANDSCAPE Trees that once thrived in this mountain village in Lagonoy, Camarines Sur, have been cut to be turned into charcoal.

By Juan Escandor Jr.
Naga City

THE SHRILL sound of the chain saw that filled the air cut like a dirge to the trees, chopped and baked to diagonals on the slopes of a desolate mountain in the village of Pinamihagan in Lagonoy, Camarines Sur, where charcoal-makers fell hundreds of trees to earn meager income.

Cristobal (not his real name) says he makes at least 20 sacks of charcoal from 300 trees with trunks about a half foot in diameter.

He sells charcoal for P80 per sack which traders sell for P150 per sack to end users. In short, Cristobal's total income of P2,240 is less than the net profit of P1,800 that the trader earns.

Cristobal's earning is only 12.44 percent of the budget that the Aquino administration's National Greening Program provides to plant trees. Under the program, P60 is allocated per tree seedling. This means that the government will spend P18,000 to replace the 300 trees cut down by charcoal-makers and sold for less than P3,000.

Cristobal says he has to earn cash to feed his brood of eight because the coconut harvest this year had been very bad for the small plantation he maintains somewhere down the mountain where they live.

Cristobal says he has a regular buyer.

It takes him a week to cut the trees, gather and cut trunks and branches to pieces. It takes another week to bake them into charcoal.

Around the place where the trees had been cleared, Cristobal plants fruit-bearing trees and coconuts.

From a distance, it looks like dark and brown patches of second-growth forest.

The place is a wasteland with hundreds of tree stumps, some burned, jutting irregularly across the mountain. About four groups of charcoal-makers have claimed their own territories defined by makeshift shelters of blue tarpaulins that dot the mountainside.

Pinamihagan is a remote village of Lagonoy, 57 km northeast of Naga City, with 358 households and a population of about 2,000 who mainly depend on coconut and rice farming for their livelihood.

However, many households rely on charcoal-making since chromite mining operations stopped a year ago, according to village councilman Charlie Laurenciano.

Laurenciano says village officials like him are aware that charcoal-making is bad for the environment but they cannot stop the charcoal-makers unless they get other jobs.

Hataman says days of 'ghost' workers numbered

COTABATO CITY—The highest ranking official in charge of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao has announced plans to put a stop to the bleeding of government coffers through padded payrolls and so-called ghost employees.

Mujiv Hataman, acting governor of ARMM, said the regional government would soon use a system called biometrics to prevent the payment of salaries to potentially absent workers and those that exist only on paper.

Through the biometrics system, employees' attendance and payroll records would be accompanied by fingerprints and other means to ascertain identities of those collecting salaries from the government.

Hataman said the system would be foolproof since no two individuals share the same profile. Duplicate profiles cannot be stored in the biometrics system, he said.

He announced the plan saying he had seen the extent of the loss of funds that go to salaries of employees that do not exist.

In the region's Department of Education (DepEd) alone, Hataman said documents provided to him gave a bird's eye view of how serious the problem was.

He said the DepEd documents, such as payroll sheets, have names of teachers without addresses and schools of assignment.

The situation, he said, had been "deliberately perpetuated" in the past.

"I think this deeply rooted corruption does not only originate from one or two past administrations," said Hataman.

"It's a system that had been tolerated, deliberately made and has evolved into a larger system of graft," the acting governor said.

He said the payroll system that went unquestioned and those agencies have helped put up was being tweaked to support the corrupt practices.

The software of the noncorruption systems had been found containing insufficient data and information, Hataman said.

He said he wanted to push for the biometric system, initially for employees of the office of the regional governor and then for the region's almost 20,000 teachers.

Hataman said he was also considering establishing a dashboard system for ARMM.

He said he also directed ARMM agencies to be more transparent in their dealings by posting these on the web.

Agencies that have not established or maintained websites should have one for open governance and to achieve high standards of transparency and accountability of public funds, Hataman said. *Inquirer Mindanao*

> 'It's a system that had been tolerated… and evolved into a larger system of graft…'

Unlicensed mines raise alarm in Bulacan town



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By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

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THE NEED

Non-UN aid to 'Sendong' victims tops P1B–DFA

N Mindanao teachers attended to students' needs first–DepEd

Classroom project to focus on Cagayan, Iligan schools





RAINBOW colors—blue, red and pink—slither across Binondo, Manila's Chinatown, in the traditional dragon dance parade in preparation for tomorrow's celebration of the Chinese New Year. It ushers the Year of the Water Dragon. Chinese New Year is widely observed even by non-Chinese in the Philippines. President Aquino has declared it a special nonworking holiday.



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Cancer Sheep	1907	1919	1931	1943	1955	1967	1979	1991	2003
Leo Monkey	1908	1920	1932	1944	1956	1968	1980	1992	2004
Virgo Rooster	1909	1921	1933	1945	1957	1969	1981	1993	2005
Libra Dog	1910	1922	1934	1946	1958	1970	1982	1994	2006
Scorpio Pig	1911	1923	1935	1947	1959	1971	1983	1995	2007
Sagittarius Rat	1912	1924	1936	1948	1960	1972	1984	1996	2008
Capricorn Ox	1913	1925	1937	1949	1961	1973	1985	1997	2009
Aquarius Tiger	1914	1926	1938	1950	1962	1974	1986	1998	2010
Pisces Rabbit	1915	1927	1939	1951	1963	1975	1987	1999	2011

Dragon, year of exhilaration, daring projects

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WATER DRAGON DANCE. Dragon dance is performed, rather aptly, underwater at the aquarium as Manila's Ocean Park gets into the act of welcoming the Year of the Water Dragon.

The dragon spirit will expand everything to larger-than-life size. It is no wonder so many are planning to have babies this year (FUTURE HOPE).

Yes, the Water Dragon will emphasize optimum growth and expansion. It is even willing to put its ego aside for the good of all.

Being the least opinionated and selfish of the dragons, it is also democratic and liberal-minded, and can accept defeat and rejection with grace and without bitterness.

The Water Dragon is reputed to be inhibited, but progress is written all over its character.

A word of caution: Though it is true that the generous and enthusiastic dragon showers its blessings indiscriminately on all, we must keep in mind that the mythical dragon has a way of disappearing when the time comes and retribution has to be made for our errors.

Remember that the dragon magnifies both successes and misfortunes equally. Thank God water has a calming and beneficial effect on it.

'90 gods descending'

Ironically, the Water Dragon will make its presence felt in 2012, when many people are of the belief that the world will end because the Mayan calendar did not go beyond 2012.

Nothing can be farther from the truth!

The Maya were not talking about planetary conditions but a change in the consciousness of the world—from one of lack and limitation to one where the human potential is expanded to awareness and expansion, resulting in the creation of a truly different, magnificent world.

Yes, it will be the end of the old world and the beginning of a new earth where every person awakens to the presence of God within each one.

The only inscription you will find in the Mayan calendar is that there will be "90 gods descending," which is simply a symbol of the dawning of spirituality on this planet.

Blessings for Dragons

This is what's in store for the animal signs of the lunar calendar:

• Dragon. It's his year! No amount of blessings are in store for him. He gains recognition and progresses dramatically in his work.

Dragon and Aries affirm: I am rich, well and happy and every phase of my life is in Divine Order now.

• Snake. A year to avoid extravagance. Things improve by the middle of the year.

Snake and Taurus affirm: Divine Wisdom guides me in all my endeavors now.

• Horse. A time to focus on the brighter side of life. Cultivate friendships and win over the antagonist.

Horse and Gemini affirm: I am loving, gracious and beloved.

• Sheep. No gambling and no drastic changes should be contemplated. A fantastic but relatively stable year.

Sheep and Cancer affirm: I am trusting, flowing and relaxed.

• Monkey. A year of gains in the form of knowledge and technical know-how.

Monkey and Leo affirm: I am knowing, conscious and aware.

Power for Roosters

• Rooster. A year of occupying lead positions and the power to make things happen.

Rooster and Virgo affirm: I am powerful, masterful and magnetic.

• Dog. Time to join forces with others rather than act independently.

Dog and Libra affirm: I am receptive, adapting and nurturing.

• Pig. A year of smooth sailing. The pig gets the support of people in power and the respect of his associates.

Pig and Scorpio affirm: I am conquering, flourishing and successful.

• Rat. An excellent year for business. Romantic prospects are bright.

Rat and Sagittarius affirm: I am resolving, exceptional and enchanting.

• Ox. Goals will be realized but not as quickly as expected. The delays will prove to be blessings.

Ox and Capricorn affirm: I am realizing, unfolding and discovering.

• Tiger. Many changes for his own good but the Tiger may not see it that way.

Tiger and Aquarius affirm: I am flowing, peaceful and serene.

• Rabbit. Powerful new friends come forth. Overall gains exceed setbacks.

Rabbit and Pisces affirm: I am masterful, expansive and magnetic.

Added insights

For additional insights, one can combine the Western and Eastern signs, as indicated in the chart above.

Observe that the Dragon is the equivalent of the Western sign of Aries and the Snake is the equivalent of the Western sign of Taurus. Thus, if you were born in the Year of the Dragon and you are a Taurean, you may read the indications for both the Dragon and the Snake.

Let us take President Aquino as an example. He was born in the Year of the Rat, but his birthday being Feb. 8, an Aquarian sign, the equivalent of which is a Tiger in the Eastern zodiac, he may read both the Rat and the Tiger to discover a more extensive version of what's in store for him in the Year of the Water Dragon.

Therefore, the President can look forward to a good business year and romantic interludes to boot (Rat). But there will be many changes that he may not agree are for his own good (Tiger).

Kung hei fat choi!

Paqui talks: 'I can't stoop to level of my detractors, money is the root'

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avoid scandalizing us. But it has become evident that money can change the nature of even those who belong to the highest levels of the proverbially well-heeled economic classes," Ortigas said.

But he left it at that, saying it was up to others to judge.

All out to malign

"I can not stoop to the same level of my detractors who have gone all out to malign my person and reputation," he said.

In his statement, Ortigas said he and other members of the Ortigas clan were "deeply saddened by my detractors' malicious resolve in using media to malign me."

"It's bad enough that we are a family no longer, but to turn the matter into a public spectacle is barbaric, to say the least. I can only appeal to the media, and those behind the publication of my wife's affidavit to allow the legal process to take its course," he said.

The first sign of the Ortigas couple's marital troubles surfaced in late 2011 when online social network sites began buzzing with chatter about Susana Reyes Ortigas leaving the conjugal home, supposedly for good.

Concubinage case

The Inquirer story that was published in the newspaper's Jan. 8 issue was a report based on a concubinage complaint that Susana Ortigas filed with the Pasig prosecutor's office last December, in which she went into graphic detail about her husband's alleged philandering, stinginess and perverse behavior over the course of their four-decade-long marriage.

Ortigas said he preferred not to comment on the rumor that members of his estranged wife's Madrigal-Reyes clan have been allegedly helping to orchestrate the PR campaign designed to demolish his reputation.

"I am sure there are more than just a few waiting for me to respond with my own collection of dirt about my estranged wife. But through this statement I am putting on record my firm resolve not to do so, let alone dignify the scandalous and malicious accusations hurled at and published about me. These vicious attempts to publicly malign my person and reputation are evident manifestations that my detractors are simply devoid of the basic standard of ethics or morals found in cultured, educated individuals of a civilized society," he said.

But he said his decision to refuse to dignify the scandalous accusations against him with his own detailed response would not inhibit him from clearing his name.

Harking still to 'Call of the Spirit' after 100 yrs



CELEBRATING A CENTURY

'We are grateful'

Immediate immersion

Collaboration with laity

Strong Filipino presence

On their own

'Centennial community'

Impeach show as exciting as the marking of exhibits

Flutter of excitement

'That's how it is'

Not as compelling

Use Filipino

Praise for Enrile

NEWS

Pinoy crewman: It was my second day on job

By [illegible] Santos

IT WAS a "baptism of fire" he will never forget.

Ariel [illegible] arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) on Saturday in a wheelchair due to a foot injury he suffered during the sinking of the Costa Concordia, a luxury cruise ship, off Italy on Jan. 14.

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The Department of Foreign Affairs, [illegible]

Early tragedy

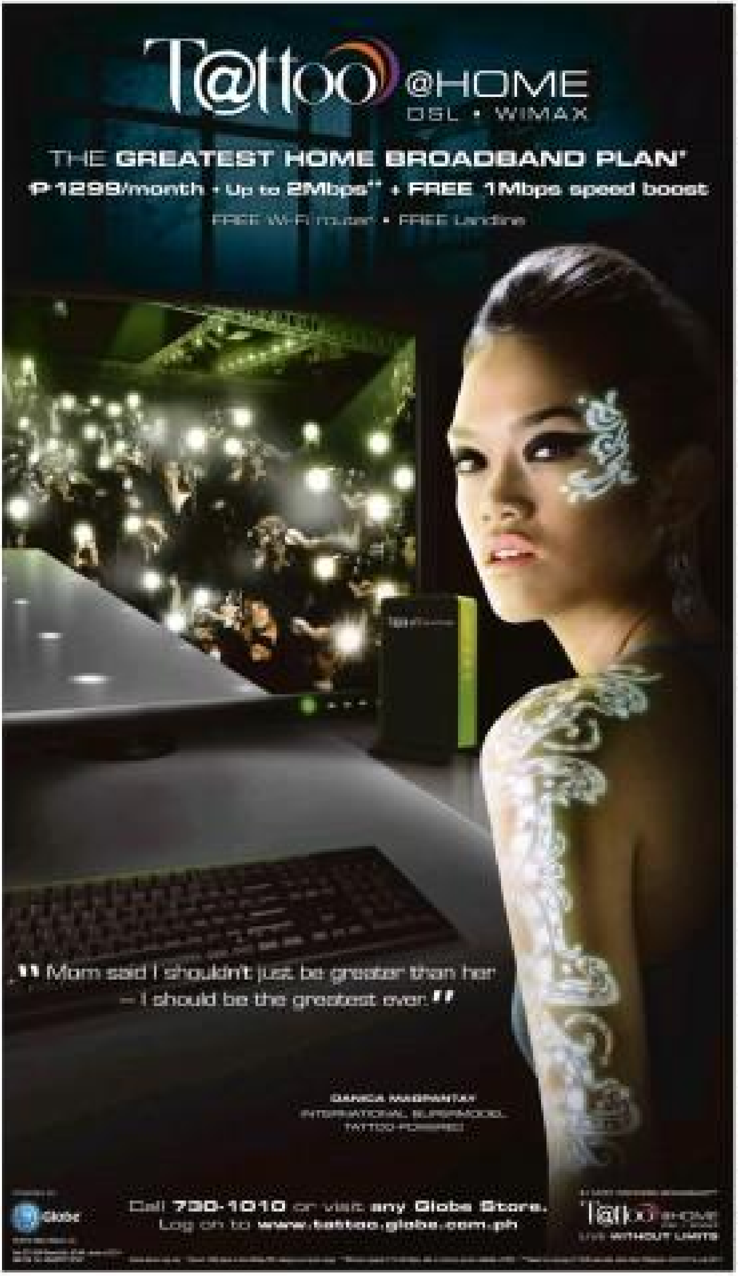
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Proud Filipino

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Brave acts

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Recall plea signatures valid—Alvarez

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Philip C. Tubeza

Aplus Metro

Editor: Abelardo S. Ulanday

Love, money eyed in jogger's slay

By Jeannette I. Andrade

MANILA police investigators have identified the foreign-looking woman, who was run over by a car and then repeatedly stabbed to death by the vehicle's driver while jogging near the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) complex along Roxas Boulevard shortly before dawn last week.

Manila Police District (MPD) homicide section investigators have also begun cracking down the suspect, believed to be the victim's ex-lover, whom they were able to identify through pictures on her mobile phone which matched still images of him taken from a security camera footage of the Jan. 14 murder.

Homicide section chief Senior Insp. Joselito De Ocampo identified the victim as 26-year-old Chinese tourist Zhan Zhen Lan, of Quasu Province in the People's Republic of China.

"With the help of the Chinese Embassy officials, we were able to get in touch through her mobile phone with a man who identified the victim and gave us her background," De Ocampo told the Inquirer.

Homicide section investigators requested Chinese consul Wang Xiao Bo to tell several cell phone numbers obtained from the memory card of the victim's mobile phone.

"But the man who gave the consul details on the victim refused to disclose his identity," De Ocampo pointed out.

A check with the immigration bureau revealed that Zhen arrived in country five days before the incident. "She was constantly in and out of the country based on the bureau records," De Ocampo said.

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POLICE show three LCD monitors recovered from four minors who broke into an RCBC branch in Camarin, Caloocan City, on Saturday by passing through the roof.

4 minors caught with bank loot

By Kristine Felisse Mangunay

THE CALOOCAN City police arrested early Saturday morning four minors who allegedly broke into a bank and almost carted away several of its equipment worth at least P20,000.

PO2 Mark Andrew Bartolome, one of the responding officers, told the Inquirer that the minors, two boys aged 14 and two boys aged 15, gained access to the RCBC Savings Bank on Zabarte Road in Camarin by cutting open a small hole on its galvanized roof.

"They have small bodies so it was fairly easy for them to fit in the hole," Bartolome said.

Although the minors managed to sneak out to the roof three of the bank's LCD monitors, Bartolome said they couldn't bring them down because of their weight.

"So when we got to the scene when the bank alarm went off, we saw the LCD monitors up there," he explained.

One of the minors, Bartolome said, was found hiding in a grassy area near the bank.

Bartolome said the arrested minor pinpointed the whereabouts of his cohorts who were later arrested. A Lenovo laptop was retrieved from them.

Cagayan's most wanted nabbed

POLICE caught up in Valenzuela City on Friday afternoon with one of six high-profile detainees who escaped from the Cagayan Provincial Jail in December.

Romeo Taol, alias Harris, who was facing a string of criminal cases in Cagayan, was recaptured in Tamayo II, Barangay Marulas by Caloocan City operatives led by Chief Insp. Rodrigo Santos and Senior Insp. Gaylord Tamayo.

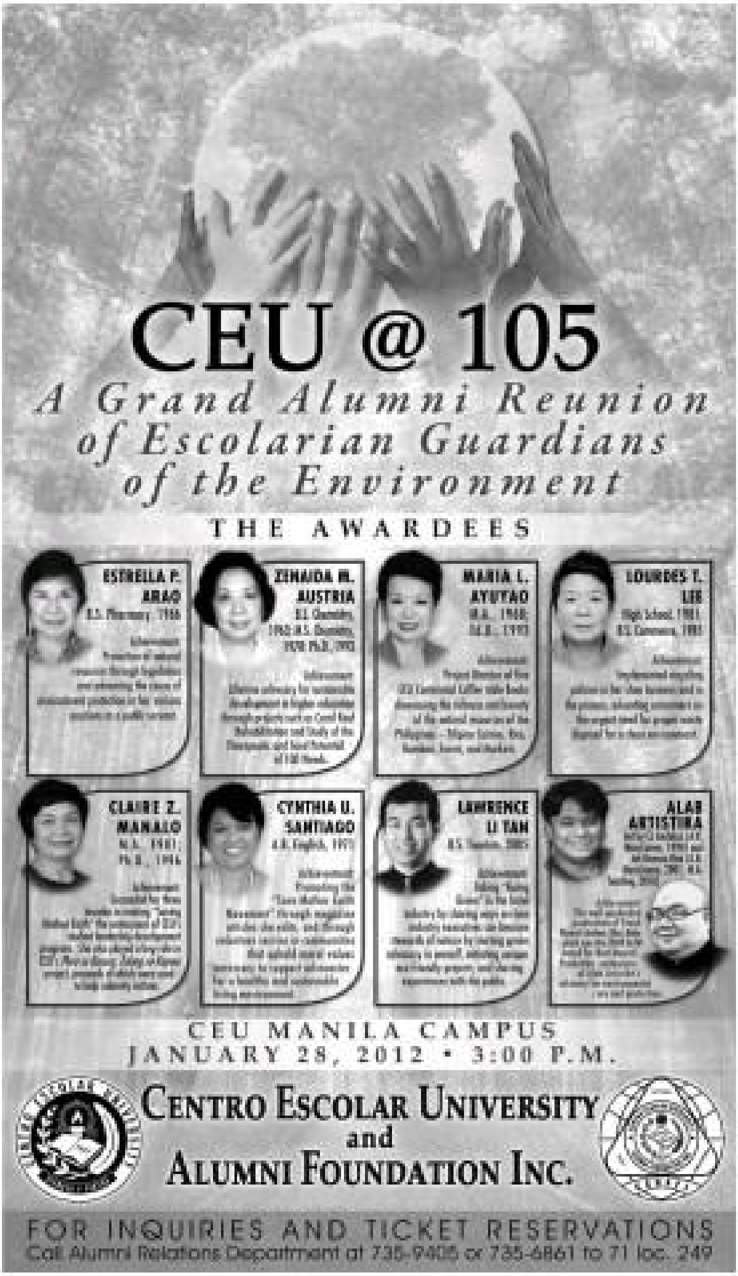
Senior Supt. Jude Santos, chief of police, told the Inquirer that Taol was Cagayan's most wanted man.

In his report to Chief Supt. Antonio Decano, director of the Northern Police District, Santos said Taol was the leader of a notorious criminal syndicate engaged in robbery.

Taol has reportedly been charged with robbery with rape before a court in Tuguegarao City.

On Dec. 11, Taol, his cousin Christopher Taol alias Jennifer, Romer Romero alias Itang, Ashang Cai alias Kevin Chun, Vincent Badajos, and Augusto Catalan escaped from the Cagayan Provincial Jail.

Kristine Felisse Mangunay



Roads closed for New Year's Eve parade

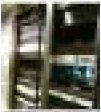


Probers clueless on Tondo motorcycle-riding gunmen

Love, money eyed in slay

The WORLD

$42-M assets, luxury cars seized in antipiracy raids



More pressure for UN to intervene in Syria





REINTEGRATION Loan Fund

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz

GLOBAL Pinoy

Editor: Monica Feria

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

Three women on a mission of hope

MAE SOT, THAILAND—Watching the children run and play in the rice fields reminds me of my hometown in the Visayas. But I am thousands of miles away from home. This is a small town on the Thai-Burma border.



FILIPINO missionaries ... sing with refugee children on Christmas.

Filipino missionaries are making a difference in the lives of refugees in the Thai-Burmese border



THE AUTHOR ... with staffers and children of the ... a shelter for migrant girls.

Answering God's call

Elpis means hope

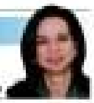
The girls' 'haus'

Persecution and struggle

Why hasn't PH ratified Maritime Labor Convention?

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Proposed US immigration policy will allow 'stateside waivers'



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Bars to admission

A stateside waiver



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Beermen vent ire on Patriots



J. Bayron, Murakami grab Asian Tour cards



Delhi Open chess: Gomez, Barbosa keep lead

Texters brace for JV's return



Uichico taking over from Toroman?

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

Global blanks Pasargad; Navy, Nomads tie



SPORTSWATCH

Coach-E classes at Xavier

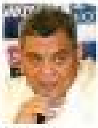
Drag racing opens Jan. 28

Que's quest for 3rd straight TCC Invitational title begins Thursday

Pro stars come out swinging at Sta. Elena



SBP U-16 nat'l tourney gets going in Baguio



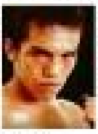
BARRIOS

Bulls crush Cavs by 39 sans Rose



Westbrook gets new $80M deal

Melindo gears up for Jan. 28 fight vs Esquer at Waterfront



MELINDO

Lakers-Pacers tiff on Studio 23

50th World Slashers Cup finals today

NCA Jan. 24 derby at Ynares

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Novak, Serena rout Open foes



Indian tandem boots out Huey, Ball

Manny Pacquiao's millions; Espinosa's lost purse

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Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino
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BIG BETTER BURGERS

It started with a third pound of premium beef





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FINO AND ROSE ANN BAUTISTA:

A love for the finer things



BAUTISTA at the Fino factory with some of her staff

Saving on time



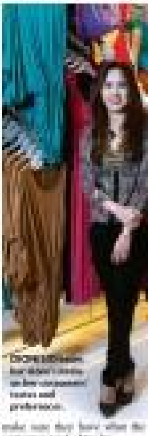
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De-stressing outdoors

A classic passion

Growing a venture by naming it a vegetable

Enabling passion



More connections

Joy in others

BUSINESSES FOLKS READ THIS

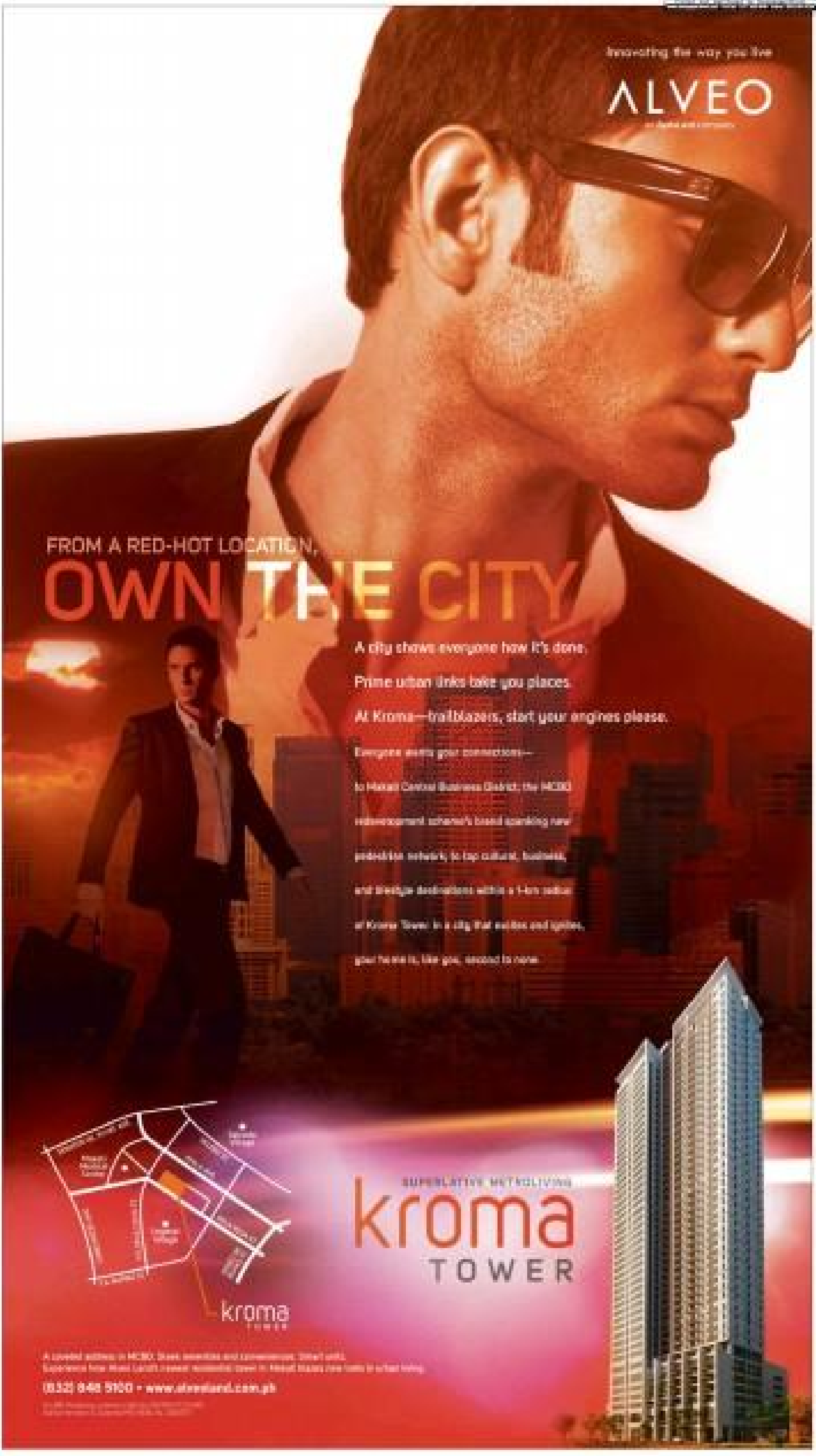
A warning on the climate change threat



Business-men now have to rethink their priorities and are encouraged to rank sustain-ability alongside profit-ability



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A city shows everyone how it's done.
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CHARLOTTE Wakefield as Sophie Sheridan and David Roberts as Sky—the [illegible] couple in "Mamma Mia!"

Sunday LIFESTYLE

Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan

Mamma Mia! They're dancing on the aisles!

But will the Pinoy audience do, too? The cast and crew of the blockbuster musical will soon find out if it's, indeed, more fun in the Philippines

WHEN THE hit musical "Mamma Mia!" opens next week on Jan. 24 at Cultural Center of the Philippines Main Theater, we should find out really if Filipinos are not only good singers but also if they can shed their inhibitions enough to jump on the aisle and dance. For mostly anywhere in the world where the musical featuring the songs of the '70s icon ABBA has been performed, the audience inevitably jumps to its feet and dance, usually to "Dancing Queen."

The world over, Filipinos are known as karaoke kings and queens; there's no Filipino who can't sing, so the world thinks. But dance? Filipinos can surely dance, but they get inhibited sometimes—or lose the nerve [illegible] audience—or take some time to warm up. "We're an appreciative, singing audience, so visiting artists know soon enough, but we don't exactly shake our booty in a snap."

Filipinos dancing in the [illegible] CCP aisle to "Dancing Queen" in the weeks ahead could be the latest story in the [illegible] that Pinoy Philippines has become. Graceful dancing as only Filipinos could do, that is.

Same cast

The [illegible] audience did, in the height of winter, in Zurich last December, where "Mamma Mia!" was performed by the same international tour cast that's come to Manila.

The Zurich performance, which we had the privilege to see, was before a packed audience that obviously enjoyed it.

"Mamma Mia!" is a feel-good musical—perfect for a Europe that is going through the economic doldrums. [illegible] And, of course, it should also be perfect for Filipinos who are now determined to feel good about themselves.

Its performance here, which could stretch to a month, comes at a time when Filipinos are hoping for the best for their country even amid the impeachment hearings.

Well-known story

Thanks to Meryl Streep's "Mamma Mia!" that hit the cinemas years ago, its story is well-known—a young bride living on a Greek island invites to her wedding the three men, anyone of whom, she guesses, could be her father. [illegible]

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Mamma Mia! They're dancing on the aisles!









Beginnings





Cast members

La Juventud de Hermandad de San Ildefonso to join Bulak Festival Jan. 22

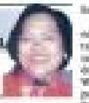
What is Bulak Festival?

'Halad kay Sto. Niño'

Scholarship programs

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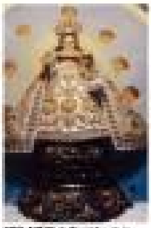
Josephine Darang



Dressing up the Sto. Niño de Providencia

Sto. Niño de Buena Obra

Ina Poon Bato feast



Filipino deacon in Paris

Joyful Mysteries for Panama

Celebrate Chinese New Year at SM Mall of Asia

THE BEST WAY to celebrate Chinese New Year and the Year of the Dragon is at SM Mall of Asia, with its wide array of authentic Chinese restaurants and an exciting dining 888 Lucky Promo.

For a minimum P888 single receipt food purchase from participating Chinese restaurants made within the promo period, customers are entitled to a free dessert from the restaurant where the purchase is made. Celebrate love, happiness, good fortune and good food this Chinese New Year at SM Mall of Asia!

XIN WANG HONG KONG CAFE



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Taste the fusion of street food favorites of Hong Kong, Macau, Shanghai and Singapore at Xin Wang Café. The 250-item menu offers dimsum, noodles of all kinds, baked curry-flavored dishes, baked meals and "Hong Kong style" Western food. [illegible] G/F Entertainment Mall, tel. nos. [illegible]

SUPER BOWL OF CHINA

The tasty flavors of Chinese cuisine are explored at Super Bowl of China. Its signature dish is the Honey Lemon Chicken. [illegible] G/F Entertainment Mall, tel. nos. [illegible]



SUPERBOWL'S Fried Chicken



[illegible] at Eat Well

EAT WELL

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Gong Cha

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Big Daddy's Chicken

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LUGANG Café interiors

LUGANG CAFÉ

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It's all-all-you-can-eat mix-and-match-all-you-can at Yakimix, with its buffet of entire Korean, Chinese and Japanese dishes. [illegible] G/F Entertainment Mall, SM Mall of Asia, tel. nos. [illegible]



SWEET and Sour Pork



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Hong Kong Emperor Seafood Restaurant

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Sunday LifeStyle

Philandering—is it generational?

Interesting text message: 'FYI, 'sa batch ni' GMA, 'ang daming' victims of philanderers, including my own cousin. 'Sakit ng generation nila 'yan!'

WE GOT an interesting feedback to last week's story on high society hostess Susie Madrigal Bayot filing concubinage case against her husband, Paqui Ortigas.

(A background note: Susie was a schoolmate and is a good friend of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo at Assumption.) The text message from a friend, whose family is from Manila's social Old Guard, said: "FYI, sa batch ni GMA, ang daming victims of philanderers, including my own cousin. Sakit ng generation nila 'yang philandering!"

That's interesting. I didn't know a husband's philandering could be measured per school batch, just like Yahoo trending on its Trending Now: Husbands of Class '68 fooling around, with Type A - The Help, Type B - The Best Friend, Type C - The Driver/Bodyguard.

Seriously, could philandering—Manila society—be generational? We don't know if there are studies or empirical data to shed light on that, but we do know that the earlier generations, while they're strong and driven women, have been raised to defer to the man of the house, to subsume their self-interests to those of their family.

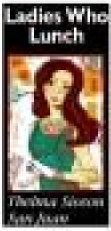
In contrast, today's young girls know not only how to [illegible], but also to [illegible] dating fingers.

"Not only are they good in playing mind games," a guy in his late 20s told me about today's dating game, "they also know how to 'feel' your ATM."

Lucky for them, today's girls have limitless options, from shopping to dating. More often than not, they maximize their ability to choose, when it comes to guys. And young as they are, they can be worldly and bold.

A renowned fashion designer, seen weekends out of town, told me he really was shocked he is with many of the debutante clientele.

"For their debut, they want to look like 'bold' stars!" he said, referring to their taste in clothes—meaning bare this, slash this. And that's not even talking about makeup. After all, their icons are Lady Gaga and the Kardashians.



(Madonna who?)

That's the 16-year olds. Now, for seven-year olds—well, many and more little girls are celebrating their seventh birthday with a dance, just like in a debut. Sometimes it's held in a hotel ballroom, with seven little boys, each offering a stem of rose.

Cute? There's grammar child-think, there's also

PHILANDERING, D3



PONTIFICAL Mass in the courtyard of the Basilica de Sto. Niño. People arrived hours before the Mass to find space.

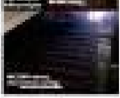
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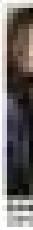


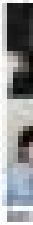




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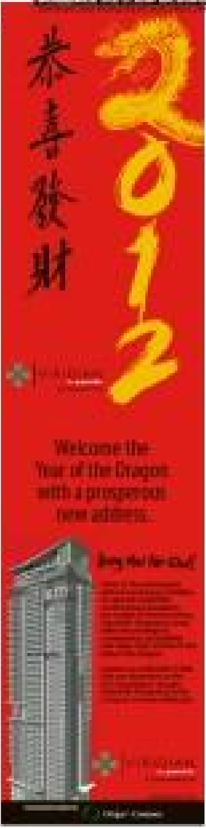
Sinulog 2012—one big party





...with autistic children







How do I get rid of all my insecurities?

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

> You can't possibly erase the thought of someone 100-percent, as you would a stain on a dress or skin



Sunday LifeStyle

How to maximize your Feng Shui potentials and avoid setbacks this Water Dragon Year



Chinese New Year watch

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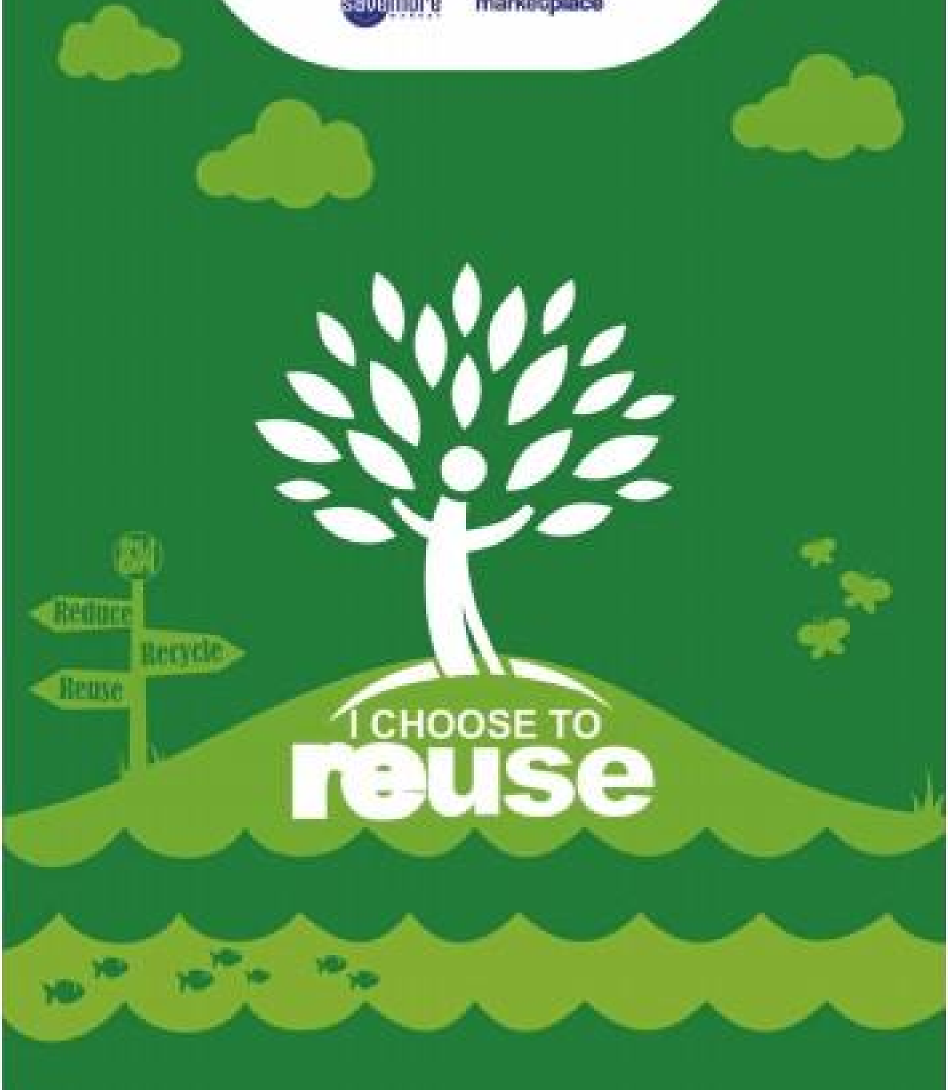
Greenbags that could help prevent air pollution,
clogging of landfills, rivers and streams.

So fishes may swim in cleaner waters
and marine life could be preserved.
So carbon footprint may be reduced
and the air we breathe would have less toxins.

Choose to reuse.

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How to maximize your feng shui potentials . . .

Open mind

Health problems


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Why we need to believe in fundamental goodness

By Fr. Tito Caluag
Contributor

Believe that life is good. Believe that you and others are fundamentally good people

Fundamental goodness

Back to the good

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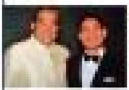
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Mrs. Ruby Vera, Empowering Brilliant Minds Foundation President, and Mrs. Pinky Aquino-Abellada, AGAPP President



Mr. Francesco Vera, Empowering Brilliant Minds Youth Council Treasurer, handing the check for new pre-school classrooms to Mrs. Pinky Aquino-Abellada, AGAPP President









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How to maximize your feng shui potentials and avoid setbacks this Water Dragon Year



THREE lions

By Lori R. Ang
Contributor

WE ARE approaching the Water Dragon Year. While everyone is busy preparing for the coming Chinese Lunar New Year on Monday, Jan. 23, it is worth knowing that, officially, the Year of the Rabbit year will end Feb. 4, at 6:40 p.m.

The official shift of energy to mark the start of the Dragon year is based on the Chinese Solar calendar.

A lot of people mistakenly refer to the Lunar New Year day as the start of an animal year. This is wrong, because the animals are



LORI R. Ang



YELLOW stone

like Zodiac signs—they are the 12 divisions of the Ecliptic which is the imaginary circle of the earth going around the sun. The solar calendar is more precise, as the earth goes around the sun in 365.5 days, making the solar year more regular.

In contrast, the moon goes around the earth in about 29 days, such that after 12 revolutions, it only comes up to 350 days. In order to match the Solar system, the discrepancy becomes large enough after a few years to add an extra month to the lunar calendar.

Hence, an animal year should always start on "Arrival of Spring" which falls on Feb. 4 or thereabouts every year. The implication of this is that babies who are born before 18:40 hours on Feb. 4 are still considered Rabbit babies.

The key elements for this Dragon year are yang water on yang earth. Looking at the birth and destruction cycle, which is the basis for analyzing the interrelationship between the elements, earth destroys water, implying a destructive cycle. Let's refer to the yang water, the element sitting on top, which will rule the first half of the year.

Yang water is ocean water which is forceful, pressing and impulsive. By nature, it can bring about tsunami and extreme flooding. However, it also represents wisdom and intelligence. If properly managed, it can lead to progress and riches.

The other element carried by the Dragon is yang earth, which is wet spring earth with the Dragon considered as a water pot. These two elements combined potentially favor natural calamities such as flooding and earthquakes. The animal clashing with Dragon is the Dog, also an earth element. It can bring about earth-related disasters such as collapse of buildings, mining disasters and mudslides.

On a positive note, it signals trigger new beginnings and revival. Wood industries such as textile, publishing, newspaper, magazines, agriculture, education and fashion design will benefit profitably. The earth industries may perform well—construction, land, properties.

Fire is the element most needed this year, and its absence sustains water industries such as water or beverage associated goods, shipping and travel agency to name a few. Metal industries such as transportation, finance and mining are also not as favorable.

Tough year

As mentioned earlier, people born in the year of the Dog or anybody with a Dog in their Four Pillars of Destiny or birth chart should expect a tough year with possible movements, travelling and changes. It is not advised to head toward Southeast as it is the direction of Grand Duke in 2012.

High mountains and potential earthquake areas should be avoided, especially in the months of April, August and a double warning on October. Engaging in high risk activities or sports should be minimized, if they cannot be totally avoided. It is advisable to carry the Rooster in a form of pendant or bracelet to attract away the clash with the Dragon, since the two animals form a combined relationship.

Another notable fact about the Dragon is its tendency to form a penalty relationship with people born in the year of the Dragon. It connotes hidden danger, disharmony, hidden sickness, worries and jealousies. As such, carrying the Rooster either as pendant or bracelet is also advised.

It is important to bear in mind that it's not only our year animal sign that influences us. In the study of the Four Pillars of Destiny, each of the data of our birth such as the year, month, day and hour is equivalent to one animal sign. Therefore, all of them affect us and by referring to the year alone

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ZOBEL-WARNS NUPTIALS

A celebration of love



I ASKED MY husband Paolo when he felt now that his best friend, Bianca, was getting married, and he told me, he couldn't be happier. He loves Bianca and totally gets along with Chris, Bianca's fiancé. Both understand and love each other.

What more can a friend ask for?

Well, for my husband, babies, [illegible] they can be friends with our kids.

Here is my diary of the wedding of Bianca Zobel and Chris Warns.

CELEBRATION F2

'The young couple decided to celebrate their special moment not only with family and friends but also with people who work for them to give thanks'



ANNA Ugarte



DINO Mendiola, Mercedes Zobel and Dee Zobel



GINA Bacon and Kit Zobel



ALEX Eduque, Gabriella Mendiola and Chiara Mendiola

A celebration of love



SEBASTIAN Paris, Alvaro Zobel and Benito Prieto



JAIME Zobel and Chris Warns

From page F1

Jan. 4. We left for Calatagan, Batangas, all three kids in tow, and went straight to the "fiesta" being hosted by Chris and Bianca for their employees and staff in Calatagan. To me it was like a children's party, only in the middle of a field. But other than that, that was what it was—a fiesta to say "thank you" to people who work for them. Families enjoying lechon baka, pizza, doughnuts, hot dogs, dirty ice cream and everything in between, not to mention jumbo inflatables that my kids spent hours jumping on and running to their papa' (ilong).

This party was exactly what described Chris and Bianca best—down-to-earth, grateful and family-centered. I found it so touching that it was important to them to share this happy occasion with those around them.

Jan 5. Wedding rehearsals. It meant so much to Bianca that she and Chris get married in the lupao church, because this was the church where her parents, Iñigo and Marisela Zobel, got married in.

From the church, everyone went to the rehearsal dinner hosted by Susie Madrigal Bayot in her estate. It was family and wedding entourage getting together before the big day.

Capping the night was a beautiful fireworks display given to the couple as gift by one of their godparents.

Jan 6. The day of the wedding. Only the family and the entourage were in the church. To me, two words to best describe the wedding would be intimate and elegant. Chris and Bianca chose only their closest of friends to join the entourage.

Look F5



IÑIGO and Marisela Zobel, Bianca Zobel-Warns, Chris Warns, mother of the groom Marian and brother Quinton Warns



TROY Rosario, Jaime Urquijo, Gino Dulce, brother of the groom Karl Warns, Ton Rimbag, groom Chris Warns, Joel Servanda, Albert Sase, John Proctor and Choppy Cabinet



TROY Rosario, Gino Dulce, Ton Rimbag, the groom and Choppy Cabinet



THE WEDDING cake



RENE and Veronica Barretto, Gina Tabinas, Lisa Moran



BEA ZOBEL Jr., Monica Urquijo, Becca Dusch



TABLE setting



AMAXIE Legarda and Krista Prieto-Berde



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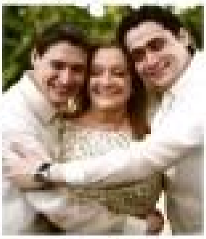
VALERIA Abello and Fernando Zobel



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CHRIS Warns, mother Marian and brother Karl Warns



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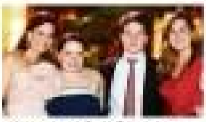


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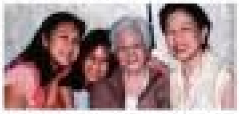
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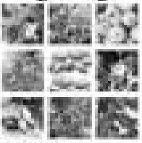
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The importance of important



HEALTHY START UPS WITH WATSONS PHARMACY

The New Year is all about new beginnings and is the best time to find ways to look and feel better by committing to a healthier lifestyle. Here, Watsons Pharmacy shares some tips for living healthier in 2012.

Get physical. Engage in physical activity at least one hour every day -whether it's running, dancing, sports, or working out at the gym. You can also try walking at least 10,000 steps a day, a convenient, simple form of exercise.



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Eat healthy, eat right. Eating right is all about balance, taking the right amounts of fiber, protein and carbs. Greens and fruits will also help offset the high-calorie foods you eat. It's best to start a food diary to help keep track of what you eat.

Take your supplements. The food we eat is the best source of vitamins and minerals, but multivitamins and supplements can help ensure that we get enough of our recommended daily intake. While supplements are helpful, we have to do our share as these won't erase bad eating habits or a sedentary lifestyle.

Quit smoking. Smoking increases the risk of heart disease, lung cancer and other chronic ailments. Smoking less is a good start. There are also nicotine alternatives (patch, gum, inhaler, lozenges) as well as support groups to help you overcome the withdrawal symptoms of smoking cessation.

Manage your stress. Stress causes the immune system to temporarily shutdown, making you more susceptible to illnesses. Try muscle relaxation, breathing and meditation techniques to relieve the tension, and more importantly, maintain a positive mindset to help you focus on your goals.

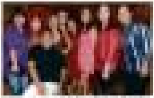
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Goodbye Rabbit, hello fire-breat















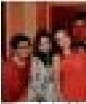














For the Fiesta de Santo Niño, native beauty and Hispanic splendor





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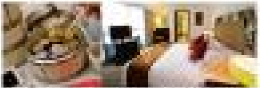




Not just for gay men, fag hags or hypochondriacs



The gay theme in 'Next Fall' isn't overplayed; it even seems secondary to the religious angle of the play



Chinese New Year promos

GRAND BABY FAIR AT THE MEGATRADE HALL



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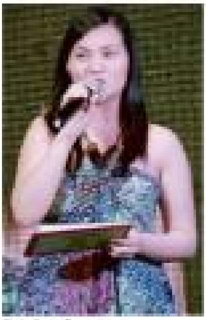
Aside from the great deals, shoppers will also be treated to fun activities, games, and freebies. Celebrity moms and dads Christine Bersola, Christine Jacob, Gladys Reyes, Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Chesko Garcia, Suzi Entrata, chef Mitchie Sison, Danica Sotto, Maricel Laxa, Marilen Faustino, Shane Bermudez, Dominic Ochoa, Vince Hizon, and Paolo Abrera will also grace the event, sharing parenting experiences and tips.

Get more details and updates on the Grand Baby Fair on Baby Company's Facebook page or visit our website at www.babycompany.com.ph.











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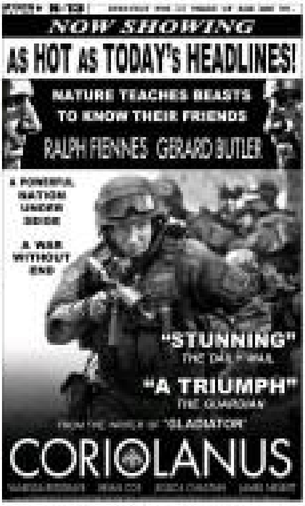
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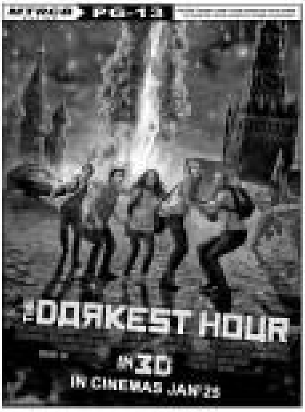




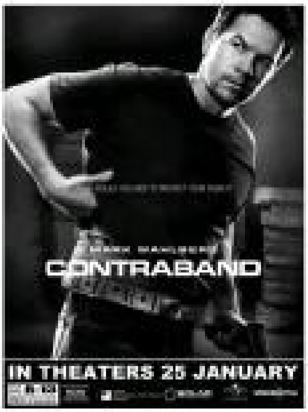




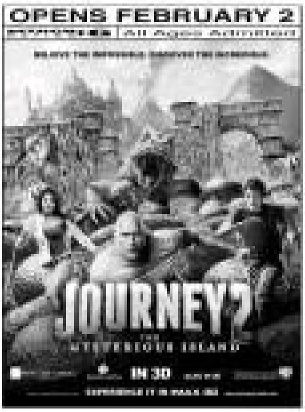












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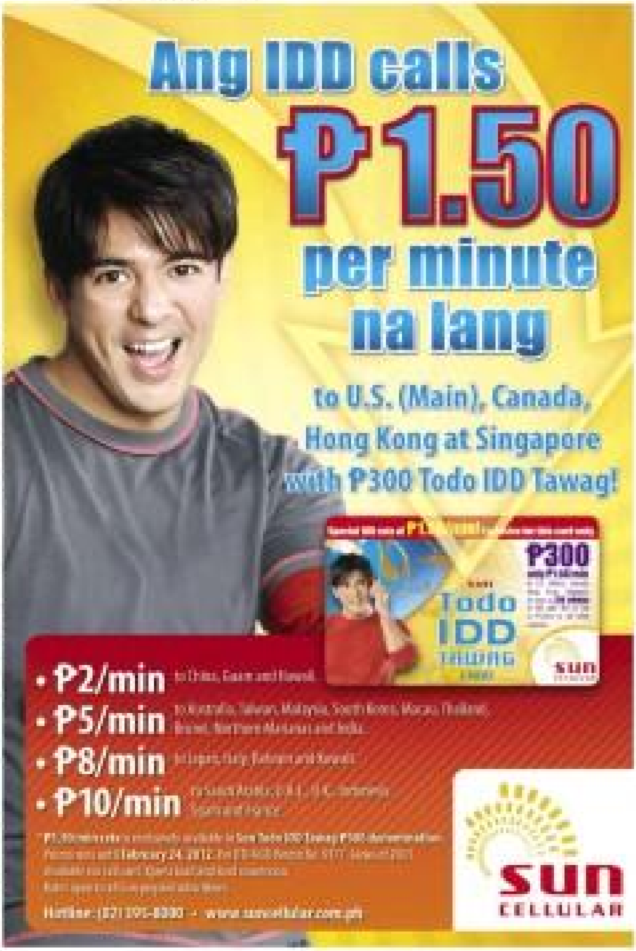
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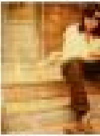
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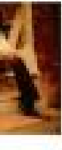
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3. College level (must have completed at least 80 units)
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5. Excellent communication skills

Salary range is from P20,000 to P25,000.

Those interested may apply Mondays to Fridays between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please bring your resume with your recent colored 2x2 photo and transcript of records to:

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Human Resource and Development Department
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- Male or female 23 - 35 years old
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- Preferably experienced in sales or retail
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Please submit your application letter, transcript of records, comprehensive resumé and 1x1 picture to Michael Saclolan of HR & Admin Dept. at 5/F OAC Bldg., 27 San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City on or before January 25, 2012 (Tel. No. 631-7851); email add: msaclolan@oac.com.ph

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Glaring career realities in youth employment



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Ernie D. Cecilia

Definitions and demographics

Youth's aspirations

Work and course preferences

Youth at work

Youth and education

Competitiveness rating

2012 PMAP President Arthur Florentin: Driven and ready to lead others

Workers of Christ

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD



REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL



'Kinda silly'

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS



[illegible] 2 Timothy 4:8

Lucia "Nanay Lucing" Inton Vda. De VIACRUSIS

of Olongapo City and Samal, Bataan

11th Death Anniversary

Her husband Alfredo Sr. (†), children Cesar and Belen, Ding (†) and [illegible] and friends request the pious readers to remember her in their prayers.

The Holy Mass will be offered at the following churches on January 22, 2012:

Church	Time
OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR (Bataan)	6:00am and 5:00pm
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL [illegible]	[illegible]
SACRED HEART PARISH [illegible]	[illegible]
ST. ANDREW CATHEDRAL, Parañaque City	[illegible]
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH [illegible] Olongapo)	7:30am
COLUMBAN PARISH CHURCH (Olongapo)	[illegible]
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH (Barretto, Olongapo City)	[illegible]
ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHURCH, Olongapo City	7:00am
ST. JUDE THADDEUS PARISH, SFP	[illegible]
OUR LADY OF SORROWS, SFP	[illegible]
ST. PAUL NOVITIATE	7:30am
SAN AGUSTIN PARISH	[illegible]



Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

Engr. WINSTON "TONY" B. FLORA

December [illegible] – January 13, 2012

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to those who condoled with us, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers, cards and messages of sympathy, [illegible] and who in countless ways helped and comforted us in our time of bereavement. Please continue to pray for his eternal repose in heaven.

"God be with you on your journey home, Papa. We will miss you dearly."

"Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm, for You are at my side; Your rod and staff give me courage..." — Psalm 23:4

LYDIA GATDULA OCAMPO

Peacefully joined her Creator and her beloved husband CARLOS on January 20, 2012 at the age of 7[illegible].

Her beloved children [illegible] relatives, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

A Mass will be held on January 24, 2012 at 8:00 in the morning. Interment follows at [illegible], departing Arlington at 9:00 in the morning.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

ERLINDA VILLACORTA-ILETO

who passed away in the loving Grace of our Lord on January 13, 2012

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all who offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4)

Our dear

AMPARO CABRERA ATIENZA

"Amparing"

[illegible], Batangas

Peacefully joined our Lord and her beloved husband Quiboy on January 20, 2012 at the age of 9[illegible].

Her children [illegible] Toni & Ara.

Her remains lie in state at The Arlington Memorial Chapels, [illegible] G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at The Arlington Cemetery, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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2012 1st Quarter Electrical Materials

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



EDWIN F. CEREZO

[illegible]

Filomena Ramos Ledesma

Peacefully joined her Creator
On January 21, 2012, at the age of 74

Her husband **Rudy**, children **Susan**†, **Mimi**, **Gigi**,
Maite, **Butch** and **Leah**,
sons- and daughter-in-law **Gueli**, **Mike**, **Mark**, **George**, **Vinchy** and **Titat**
and grandchildren **Mika**, **Joelle**, **Doniel**, **Bobbie**, **Gino**, **Gia**, **Lisanne**,
Itos, **Inna**, **Cholo**, **Rafael**, **Liana** and **Yael**
request your prayers for her eternal peace.

Her remains lie in state at *Vista Valley Compound*
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Interment will be at Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina City
- details are to be announced.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

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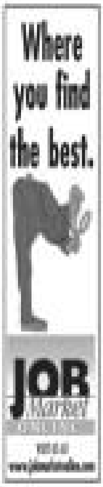
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School Infrastructure Project

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY TO BID FOR PPP SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS

Contract Package	Region	Expected Number of School Sites	Expected Number of School Buildings	Expected Number of Classrooms
Contract Package A	Region I	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Contract Package B	Region III	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Contract Package C	Region IV-A	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

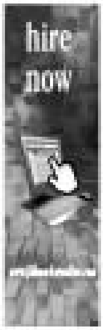
(Sgd.) FRANCISCO M. VARELA
DepED Undersecretary for Finance and Administration
and Chairman, PBAC for PPP Projects



Republic of the Philippines

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID





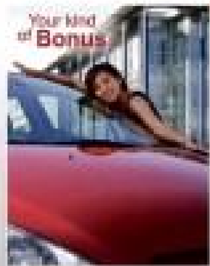
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Expressions of Interest

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